	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	09/770,619	NAKAMURA, KOUICHI
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This communication is responsive to <u>12-15-03 and 11-12-03</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 5-7.		
3. $igotimes$ The drawings filed on 29 January 2001 and 24 February 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.		
<ul> <li>Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a)</li></ul>		
noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.		
5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.		
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.		
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached		
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date		
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date		
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.		
Attachment(s)  1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	— 6.	<ul> <li>Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</li> <li>Interview Summary (PTO-413),</li> <li>Paper No./Mail Date</li> </ul>
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. ⊠ Examiner's Statem 9.	ent of Reasons for Allowance

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## Examiner's Amendment

1) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Change title to:

--Pneumatic tire having lug grooves--

See MPEP 606.01.

## Reasons for Allowance

2) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art rejections using Hawkinson, Bettiol and Tsurunaga have been withdrawn in view of the amendment to the claims filed 12-15-03 and applicant's corresponding arguments filed 11-12-03.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven D. Maki whose telephone number is (571) 272-1221. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Steven D. Maki February 26, 2004 STEVEN D. MAKI PRIMARY EXAMINER

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